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Bob Gates:

Bud has been asked to brief former Vice President Mondale this Saturday. David Aaron has listed the following as topics on which they wish to be briefed:

- 1. Soviet military development
- 2. Soviet compliance with treaties
- 3. Status of Soviet leadership
- 4. The Central American negotiations
- 5. Iran-Iraq war and the Red Sea mining operations
- Economic prospects of Argentine, Brazil and other heavy debt ridden countries
- 7. US assessment of responsibility of attempt on Pope's life,

Bud would like you to provide papers on each of the subjects
above for him to leave with Mondale. He thought you might have
some items already in the shelf. As a general rule, we intend
that the briefing be at or below the SECRET level, with no use of
Codeword material.

We would appreciate receiving these papers by noon tomorrow, 8/28. Bud is leaving for San Francisco at 1:15 tomorrow afternoon to deliver a speech and would like to review these materials enroute.

Thanks.

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